

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 are amended. Claims 8 and 12 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 15-22 were previously withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-14 are pending. By amending and canceling the claims, applicant is not conceding that the claims are non-statutory under 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112 and is not conceding that the claims are unpatentable over the art cited by the Office Action, as the claim amendments and cancellations are only for the purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims as it existed prior to any amendment or cancellation and to pursue other claims, in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Meyn (US Patent Number 5,859,623)). Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over Meyn because all elements in the claims are not taught or suggested by Meyn, for the reasons argued below.

Claim 1 recites: “presenting a plurality of windows in a user interface on an output device, wherein each of the plurality of windows displays a respective application and a respective group identifier that indicates a respective group to which the respective application in the respective window belongs, wherein at least one of the respective group identifiers indicates that the respective window is not to be sent to an auxiliary output device, and wherein the respective application comprises instructions that execute and send data to the respective window,” which is not taught or suggested by Meyn for the reasons argued below.

In contrast, to claim 1, the Meyn “portable document format information” (Meyn at column 1, line 67 and column 2, line 1) contains data that is displayed as “presentation display information) (Meyn at column 2, lines 1-4) and not instructions, and the Meyn “portable document format information” does not “send data to the respective window,” so Meyn does not teach or suggest “presenting a plurality of windows in a user interface on an output device, wherein each of the plurality of windows displays a respective application and a respective group identifier that indicates a respective group to which the respective application in the respective window belongs, wherein at least one of the respective group identifiers indicates that the respective window is not to be sent to an auxiliary output device, and wherein the respective application comprises instructions that execute and send data to the respective window,” as recited in claim 1.

Claim 1 further recites: “in response to the detecting the bringing into focus of the first window, determining whether a first record associated with the first window exists in a group data structure comprising a plurality of records, wherein the respective record is associated with the respective group,” which is not taught or suggested by Meyn for the reasons argued below.

In contrast to claim 1, the Meyn “input focus” is defined at column 19, lines 50-51, as “Input focus: a control is said to have the input focus when the next key pressed performs relative to that control.” Meyn defines its “control,” e.g., as an “OK button” at column 22, lines 12-14; a “run button” at column 22, line 60; a “cancel” at column 23, lines 40-41; an “exit button” at column 25, lines 4-5; and a “seconds control” at column 28, lines 9-15.

Thus, Meyn does not teach or suggest “in response to the detecting the bringing into focus of the first window, determining whether a first record associated with the first window exists in a group data structure comprising a plurality of records, wherein the respective record is associated with the respective group,” as recited to claim 1 because Meyn does not perform any action in response to the “input focus” of its “control” since

at the time of the Meyn “input focus,” the Meyn control or button has not yet been pressed via the Meyn “next key.”

Claim 9 includes similar elements as argued above for claim 1 and is patentable over Meyn. Claims 2-7, 10-11, and 13-14 are dependent on claims 1 and 9, respectively, and are patentable over Meyn for the reasons argued above.

Conclusion

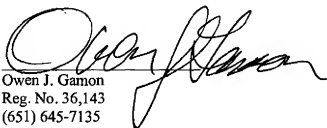
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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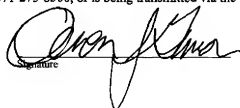
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